

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AND WORK SESSION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

HOPE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

300 HOPE ROAD

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

**PUBLIC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC WORK
SESSION**

AGENDA

**I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant
to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2)
Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Custodians' Negotiations)
(Possible Litigation – Caruolo Action)**

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Work Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Public Work Session:

1. Health Care Options

- 2. Proposed Increase in School Lunch Prices**
- 3. Proposed Affordable Housing on Phenix Avenue**
- 4. Cranston Public Schools' Organizational Chart 2008-2009**

VI. Adjourn to Public Meeting

VII. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – August 13, 2008

**VIII. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – June 24, 2008
Executive Session; and July 14, 2008**

IX. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

X. Chairperson Communications

XI. Superintendent Communications

XII. School Committee Member Communications

XIII. Public Hearing

- a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)**
- b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**

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XIV. Consent Agenda

**SPONSORED BY THE MS. IANNAZZI, MRS. TOCCO-GREENAWAY
AND MR. TRAFICANTE**

NO. 08-8-2 – Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Cranston School Committee that developers of the proposed Phenix Terrace project, E. A. Fish Associates, have publicly stated that the Cranston School Committee is in favor of said development; and

Whereas, E. A. Fish Associates have never met with the Cranston School Committee to seek their support; and

Whereas, the impact of the Phenix Terrace development upon Cranston Public School remains unknown;

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee is not supporting the Phenix Terrace development; and

Be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to E. A. Fish Associates, members of the Cranston City Council, and members of the Cranston Planning Commission.

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NO. 08-8-3 – Whereas, the safety of our students and employees is of paramount concern to Cranston Public Schools and the Cranston School Committee,

Be it RESOLVED that any person spending time in Cranston Public Schools as a volunteer or chaperone shall undergo a BCI check at the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General. Said BCI check shall be conducted at the expense of the volunteer or chaperone, with the check given to the building principal prior to any access to the school.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 08-8-4- Whereas, the former Sanders School building is no longer being utilized by the Cranston Public Schools,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee approve returning the care and control of this building to the City of Cranston for use as they deem appropriate.

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ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 08-8-5 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from layoff, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those individuals of the committee's actions.

NO. 08-8-6 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Mathematics Department Chairperson, Cranston High School East, be approved.

NO. 08-8-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Special Education Department Chairperson, Park View Middle School, be approved.

NO. 08-8-8 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the 2008-2009 school year:

Rosa Almanzar – salary to be at the second step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BA

Experience – Mount Saint Charles Academy

Certification – Secondary Italian/Spanish

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11311012 512100

Kristie Butler – salary to be at the fifth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BS; Rhode Island College,

MAT

Experience – Burrillville School Department

Certification – Reading PK-12

Assignment – Bain Middle School, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 50915121 512100

Karen Casperson – salary to be at the second step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BS

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

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Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization - Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11332012 512100

Tara Barone – salary to be at the first step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BS; Providence College, MAT

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization - New

Fiscal Note: 11332012 512100

Maria DiPaolo, salary to be at the fourth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BS; Roger Williams University, MAT

Experience – Burrillville School Department

Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary

Assignment – Cranston High School West, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization - New

Fiscal Note: 1262012 512100

David Aulenbach, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA

Experience – Perspectives/Providence School Department Student Teacher

Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization - Replacement

Fiscal Note: 1132012 512100

Susan Rose, salary to be at the sixth step plus Masters plus 30 of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Brown University, BA; University of Rhode Island, MLS

Experience – Providence School Department

Certification – Library/Media, PK-12

Assignment – Itinerant Librarian, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 13025313 513200

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Ellen Basso, salary to be at the first step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BS; University of Rhode Island, MLS

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Student Teacher

Certification – Library/Media, PK-12

Assignment – Itinerant Librarian, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date – August 25, 2008

Authorization - Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11825313 / 12425313 513200

Theresa Manera, salary to be at the fifth step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BS

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Elementary, 1-6

Assignment – Rhodes School, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization - Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11711012 512100

Matthew Rodolewicz, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Secondary Mathematics

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 111311012 512100

Christine Borelli, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Middle/Secondary Mathematics

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Authorization – Replacement

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 12611012 512100

Nisha Hunt, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BA

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Early Childhood, PK-2

Assignment – Garden City School, Kindergarten, 1.0 FTE

Authorization – Replacement

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 122110112 51100

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Britta Lindberg, salary to be at the second step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Wheaton College, BA; Providence College, MA

Experience - Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Early Childhood, PK-2

Assignment – Stadium School, Kindergarten, 1.0 FTE

Authorization – Replacement

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 120110112 512100

Stefanie Blais, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BS

Experience - Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Early Childhood, PK-2

Assignment – Rhodes School, Kindergarten, .5 FTE

Authorization – Replacement

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 117110112 512100

Suzanne Meyer, salary to be at the third step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Connecticut, BA; Providence College, MA

Experience – Richmond School Department

Certification – Middle/Secondary Special Education

Assignment – Cranston High School West, 1.0 FTE

Authorization - New

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 12632012 512100

Heidi Gobeille, salary to be at the ninth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA; Rhode Island College, MA

Experience – Smithfield Public Schools

Certification – Reading Consultant, K-12

Assignment – Western Hills Middle School, .5 FTE

Authorization – New

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 12911012 512100

John Fontaine, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – Middle/Secondary Mathematics

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Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Authorization - Replacement

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Fiscal Note: 11311012 512100

NO. 08-8-9 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Ryan McIntyre Middle/Secondary Social Studies

Rochelle Verdi Special Education Elementary/Middle

Marissa Madonna Elementary

Athan Hantzopoulos Middle/Secondary Social Studies

Shannon Diko General Subject Matter, K-12

Ronald Renzi Health/Physical Education

Stephanie Glaser Elementary

Sarah Corrao Elementary

NO. 08-8-10 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff members be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B.1 of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance.

Nina Vizzaccaro, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Dates: August 2008 to June 2009

Kristin Morgan, Teacher

Stadium

Effective Dates: August 2008 to June 2009

NO. 08-8-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a

leave of absence without compensation as

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provided in Article XIX, Section F of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Robert Gaudreau, Teacher

Stadium School

Effective Dates: August 2008 to June 2009

NO. 08-8-12 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Pauline Lisi, Principal

Orchard Farms School

Effective Date: July 31, 2008

Marc Cobb, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: July 18, 2008

Kelly Walters, Teacher

Bain Middle School

Effective Date: August 1, 2008

Karen Bileski, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: August 4, 2008

NO. 08-8-13 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Christopher Tribelli, Head Coach Wrestling

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: July 25, 2008

NO. 08-8-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Meghan Merlino, Computer Technology Technical Assistant

Cranston Area Career & Technical Center

Effective Date of Employment - August 26, 2008

Authorization - Replacement

Fiscal Note: 17430814 514000

Danya Laorenza, Graphic Communications

Technical Assistant

Cranston Area Career & Technical Center

Effective Date of Employment – August 26, 2008

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 17430514 514000

NO. 08-8-15 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARY

Carol Ruggieri

BUS DRIVER

Michael Ruggieri

NO. 08-8-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Joyce Antonacci, Teacher Assistant

Park View Middle School

Effective Date: August 9, 2008

NO. 08-8-17 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, named non-certified staff members be laid off from their respective positions due to budgetary reasons.

BUSINESS

NO. 08-8-18 - RESOLVED, that the elementary and secondary school lunch prices be increased from \$1.75 to \$2.00 for elementary and from \$2.50 to \$2.75 for secondary.

NO. 08-8-19 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Photocopier Maintenance for the period from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 in the amount of \$110,726.25.

Number of bids issued 8

Number of bids received 5

Art Supplies in the amount of \$43,382.59.

Number of bids issued 34

Number of bids received 20

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Lumber Supplies in the amount of \$9,964.98.

Number of bids issued 5

Number of bids received 4

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 08-8-20 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2008-2009 School Committee Meeting and Work Session Schedule be approved.

XV. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

XVI. New Business

XVII. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVIII. Announcement of Future Meetings

XIX. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's web site at www.cpsed.net, Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

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